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DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY EAGLEBURGER FROM AMBASSADOR VOLPE

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SUBJECT: MODE-REVIEW AND EVALUATION OF MISSION STAFFING
(ESPECIALLY DEFENSE ATTACHES, LEGAL ATTACHES, MAAGS,
AND DEA REGIONAL OFFICES)

REF: STATE 151270

1. YOU MAY ASSURE DON OGILVIE THAT I HAVE GIVEN SPECIAL ATTENTION
TO THE STAFFING STATE AND USIA (THERE IS NO AID MISSION HERE)
AS WE HAVE GONE THROUGH THIS YEAR'S MODE-REVIEW.

2. IN ADDITION, WE HAVE ALSO EXAMINED CLOSELY:

A. THE MILITARY ATTACHES, WHERE A SMALL REDUCTION IN THE
LOCAL STAFF IS NOW TAKING PLACE;

B. THE FBI LEGAL ATTACHE, WHICH HAS NOT EXPERIENCED ANY
INCREASE IN STAFFING HERE IN RECENT YEARS; AND:

C. THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION OPERATIONS IN ITALY,
WHOSE STAFFING SEEMS TO HAVE PEAKED AS OF JANUARY 1, 1975 AND
SHOWS SIGNS OF DECREASING NOW.

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3. I UNDERSTAND THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE NEW SECURITY

ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION (PARA 3, REFTTEL); OUR RESPONSE TO
STATE 119079 IS CONTAINED IN ROME 8186 (MAY 19, 1976).

4. AS FAR AS DEA ITALY IS CONCERNED, THEIR ACTIVITIES
SEEM TO BE COMPLETELY WITHIN THE GUIDLINES ET FORTH
IN A-2985, JULE 15, 1976.

5. I APPRECIATE YOUR SENDING ME THE GIST OF DON OGILVIE'S
LETTER AND HOPE THE FOREGOING COMMENTS WILL BE USEFUL TO
YOUR. VOLPE

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